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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003.

Three months to April 22, 2004. The extension fee is \$475 X \$950

A check to cover the \$\$950.00 extension fee is attached.

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